

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 771

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Peggy Howell upon being named Teacher of the Year at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Howell of Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howell has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at her school, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher and speech therapist as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Howell, along with all other school-wide Teachers of the Year, will be considered for further recognition on a system-wide basis in three categories: pre-K through grade four, grades five through eight, and grades nine through twelve; those winners will then be nominated for district honors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howell places great emphasis on education in her personal life as well as in her professional work, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee; she is currently working toward her Master of Education degree at Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, involved in numerous service groups and committees, Peggy Howell is a founding teacher of the Outdoor Classroom at Fairview, which was honored by the National Gardening Association in 2000; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mrs. Howell was previously named Fairview's Teacher of the Year in 2004; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator and speech therapist for sixteen years at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howell is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and their families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, an active and invaluable member of the farming community, Mrs. Howell serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Farm Bureau, Chairwoman of the Hamblen County Soil Conservation District, and member of the Council for Farm Credit Services; she has also been a member of the Hamblen County Farm Bureau Women for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Howell helps her husband, Bill, manage a one hundred-cow dairy farm in Hamblen County, which has been operated by the family for over a century; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howell truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Howell epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Peggy Howell on being chosen Teacher of the Year at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.